Growth Rate during Tenth Five year Plan

1008. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "why eight percent growth target is not realistic" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th October, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that only the earlier three plans did realize the growth targets;

(c) whether it is also a fact that had all the plans achieved their targets, the national income would have been higher by ten lakh crores;

(d) if so, the reasons for not preparing a realistic plan target; and

(e) how Government propose to achieve the eight percent growth rate target in the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No such information is available with the Planning Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

Central Aid to States

†1009. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide Central aid to the States for implementation of Development and Reform Facility Programmes;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said programmes; and

(c) the amount given/proposed to be given by Government for this purpose, state wise?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.